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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: AOKI, et al. ) Examiner: A. Gupta  
Serial Number: Pending ) ) (parent app.)  
Filed: Herein ) ) Art Unit: 1654  
For: METHODS FOR TREATING ARTHRITIS PAIN ) ) (parent app.)  
Irvine, California )

### **TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herein for filing under 35 U.S.C. §121 and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility (divisional) patent application for the invention entitled METHOD FOR TREATING ARTHRITIS PAIN invented by K. Roger Aoki et al. This application is a divisional of pending application serial number 08/627,118, filed April 3, 1996 which is a continuation of application serial number 08/173,996, filed December 28, 1993, now abandoned.

With regard to the above-identified pending patent application, please find enclosed:

- (1) this 3 page Transmittal Letter;
- (2) a 9 page Preliminary Amendment;
- (3) the one-page Associate Power of Attorney
- (4) the 6 IDS PTO-1449 Forms and 1 PTO-892 Form filed in parent applications 08/627,118 and 08/173,996;
- (5) a copy of the 25-page parent patent application (serial number 08/627,118);
- (6) a copy of the original, executed declaration from the inventors from parent application serial number 08/173,996;
- (7) a copy of the assignment of the parent patent application serial number 08/173,996 to Allergan, Inc.; and
- (8) a return postcard.

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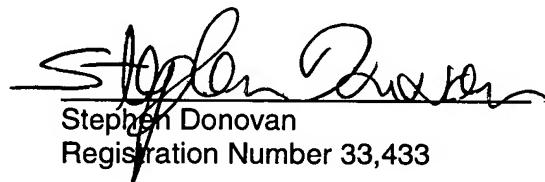
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required or necessary fee associated with the filing of this paper and any of the attached documents, and to credit any overpayment to, deposit account number 01-0885.

Applicants hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 from pending application serial number 08/627,118, filed April 3, 1996, and abandoned application serial number 08/173,996, filed December 28, 1993, the contents of which prior filed applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties into the application filed herein.

The pending parent application serial number 08/627,118 is not abandoned by this filing.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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I hereby certify that this Transmittal Letter, the divisional patent application, preliminary amendment and the attached documents enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date July 16, 2003 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" mailing label number EV295682231US addressed to Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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